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In re application of : Box CPA
Reiner DELP et al. : Group Art Unit: 1774
Serial No.: 09/446,326 : Examiner: K. Nguyen
Filed: December 20, 1999 :
For: **LASER-MARKABLE PLASTICS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application, and consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. **(Twice Amended)** A laser-markable plastic comprising a plastic and an absorber material of a laser-markable polymer in the form of irregular-shaped micromilled particles having a particle size of 0.1 - 100 μm .

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6. **(Thrice Amended)** A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material additionally comprises, as further absorber, one or more light-sensitive pigments.

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7. **(Twice Amended)** A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 6, wherein the light-sensitive pigment is natural or synthetic mica, copper phosphate, a special-effect pigment, a conductive pigment, a metal nitrate, a metal sulfate, a metal sulfide or a metal oxide.